

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 1: WELCOME TO AMERICA

*Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.*

1. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
2. What is the name of the national anthem?
3. What is the capital of the United States?
4. Who is the governor of your state?
5. What is the capital of your state?
6. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
7. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
8. What is the economic system in the United States?
9. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
10. What is the name of the president of the US now?
11. What is the political party of the president now?

**Answers:** 1. Because there are 50 states 2. The Star-Spangled Banner 3. Washington, D.C.

4. Charlie Baker 5. Boston 6. Democratic and Republican 7. vote; write to a newspaper 8. market economy  
9. the United States 10. (Donald) Trump 11. Republican

## READ ALOUDS

*Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.*

1. How many states are in the United States?
2. What is the capital of the United States?
3. What are the colors of the flag?
4. When is Flag Day?

## DICTATIONS

*Copy each sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading each sentence to you, while you write it.*

1. The United States has 50 states.
2. Washington, D.C. is the capital.
3. The flag is red, white, and blue.
4. Flag Day is in June.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

*Practice with a friend.*

1. Please remain standing, and raise your right hand.
2. Do you swear that the statements you are about to make are the truth, so help you, God?
3. Why are you here today?
4. Did you bring any identification with you? Let me see your green card and another photo ID.
5. How long have you been a permanent resident?
6. When did you become a permanent resident?

## CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 2: AMERICAN PLACES

*Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.*

1. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
2. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
3. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
4. Name one U.S. territory.
5. Name one state that borders Canada.
6. Name one state that borders Mexico.
7. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
8. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.

**Answers:** 1. Mississippi River 2. Pacific Ocean 3. Atlantic Ocean 4. Guam 5. New York 6. California  
7. New York 8. Hopi

### READ ALOUDS

*Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.*

1. What was the first U.S. capital?
2. What state has the most people?
3. What country is north of the United States?
4. What is the largest state?
5. What country is south of the United States?

### DICTATIONS

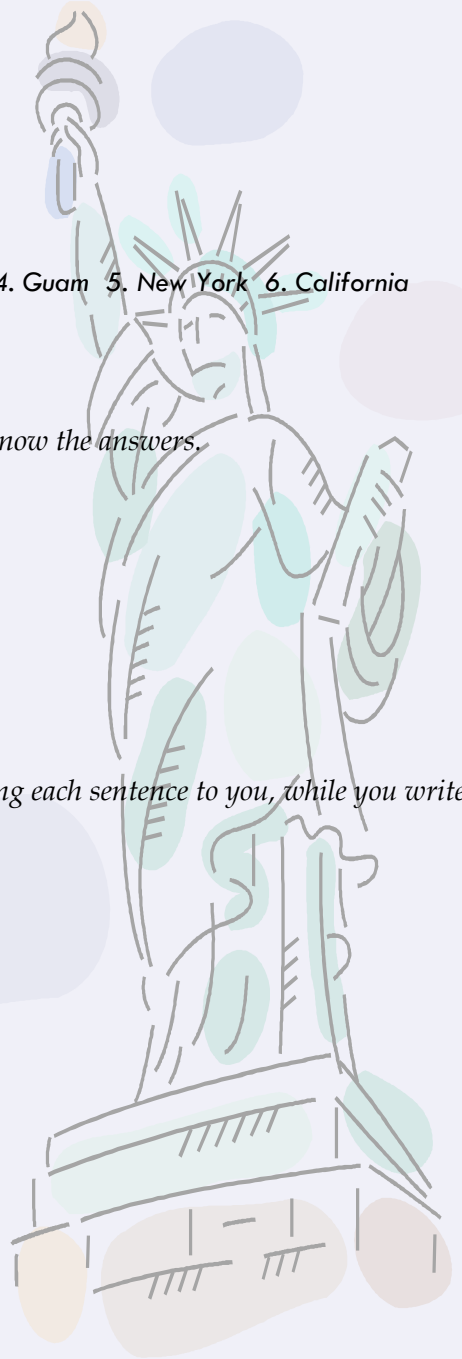
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1. New York City was the first capital.
2. California has the most people.
3. Canada is north of the United States.
4. Alaska is the largest state.
5. Mexico is south of the United States.

### YOUR INTERVIEW

*Practice with a friend.*

1. What is your full name?
  - ... What's your first name? (How do you spell it?)
  - ... What's your last name? (How do you spell it?)
  - ... Do you have a middle name?
2. Have you ever changed your name?
3. Have you ever used any other names?
4. Do you want to change your name? (when you become a citizen)
5. What is your date of birth?
6. What is your country of birth? Are you still a citizen of -----?



# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 3: 13 COLONIES

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

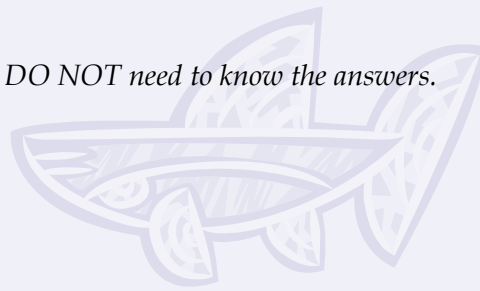
1. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
2. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
3. What is one reason colonists came to America?
4. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
5. Name two national U.S. holidays.

**Answers:** 1. Indians 2. Because there were 13 original colonies 3. Freedom 4. People from Africa  
5. Columbus Day & Thanksgiving

## READ ALOUDS

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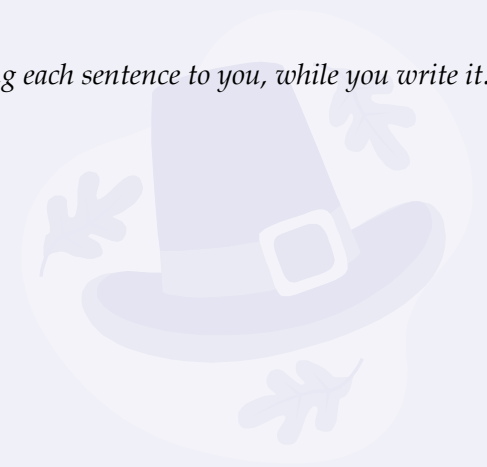
1. Why do people come to America?
2. Why do people want to be citizens?
3. When is Columbus Day?
4. Who lived here first?
5. When is Thanksgiving?



## DICTATIONS

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1. People come here to be free.
2. They want to live in a free country.
3. Columbus Day is in October.
4. American Indians lived here first.
5. Thanksgiving is in November.



## YOUR INTERVIEW

Practice with a friend.

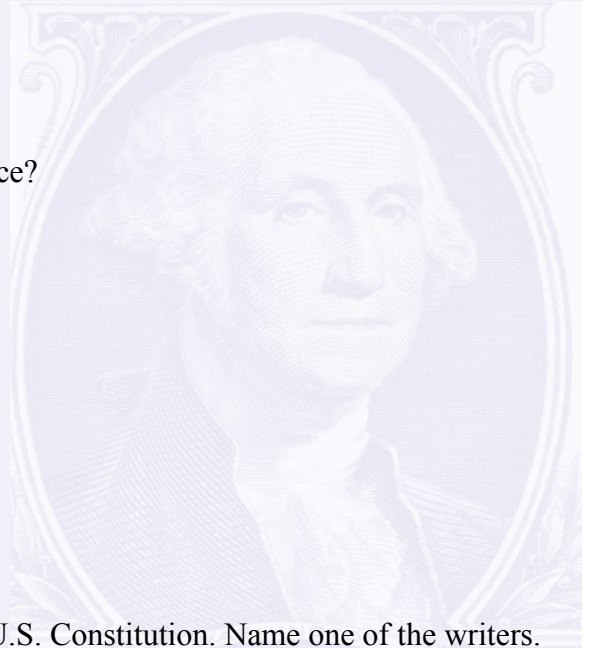
1. Where do you *live*? (What is your current address?)
2. When did you move to your current address? (month and year)
3. Where did you live before that?
4. Have you lived anywhere else in the last five years?
5. Do you have any children? How many sons and daughters do you have?

(For each child—first, second, third, etc.): What is his/her name? Where was he/she born? What is his/her date of birth? Where does he/she live now? (with you?) Is he/she a biological child, step-child, or adopted?

## CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 4: THE NEW UNITED STATES

*Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.*

1. Why did the colonists fight the British?
2. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
3. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
4. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
5. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
6. There were 13 original states. Name three.
7. Who is the “Father of Our Country”?
8. Who was the first President?
9. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
10. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
11. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
12. When was the Constitution written?
13. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
14. What does the Constitution do?



**Answers:** 1. Because of high taxes 2. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 3. It said that the United States is free. 4. life; liberty  
5. July 4<sup>th</sup> 6. New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire  
7.(George) Washington 8.(George) Washington 9. started the first free libraries 10.(Thomas) Jefferson  
11. The Constitution was written 12. 1787 13. (Alexander) Hamilton 14. Sets up the government

### READ ALOUDS

*Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.*

1. What was the first U.S. state?
2. Who is the father of our country?
3. Who was the first president?
4. What president is on the dollar bill?
5. Who was the second president?
6. When is Independence Day?

### DICTATIONS

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1. Delaware was the first state.
2. Washington is the father of our country.
3. Washington was the first president.
4. Washington is on the dollar bill.
5. Adams was the second president.
6. Independence Day is in July.

## CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 4

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### **YOUR INTERVIEW**

*Practice with a friend.*

1. Do you have a job? Are you currently employed?
2. Where do you work? (name and address of employer)
3. What do you do there?
4. When did you start working there?
5. Where did you work before that?
6. Have you had any other jobs in the past five years? [Where did you work? What did you do there? When did you start/stop working there? (month/year)]
7. Have you go to school anywhere in the past five years? What school? Where is it? When did begin going to classes there? (When did you finish?)
8. What is your phone number?
9. Do you have an email address?
10. Are either of your parents U.S. citizens?



# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 5: THE CIVIL WAR

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

1. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
2. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
3. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
4. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
5. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
6. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
7. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

**Answers:** 1. Louisiana 2. Civil War 3. Civil War 4. slavery 5. freed the slaves 6. freed the slaves  
7. worked for women's rights

## READ ALOUDS

Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.

1. Who was Abraham Lincoln?
2. When is Presidents' Day?

## DICTATIONS

Copy each sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading each sentence to you, while you write it.

1. Lincoln was the president during the Civil War.
2. Presidents' Day is in February.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

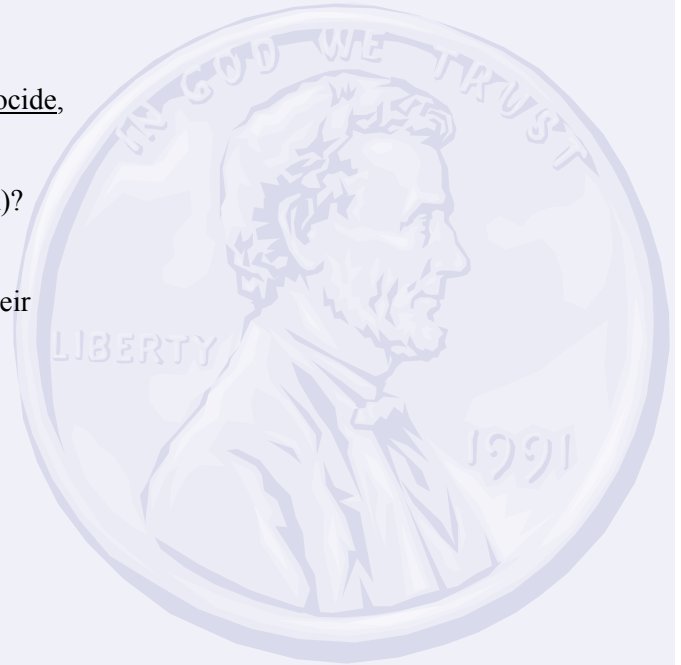
Practice with a friend.

1. Since you became a permanent resident, have you taken any trips outside the U.S.?  
... How many trips did you take?
2. Have you ever left the U.S. for more than 6 months?
3. Tell me about your most recent trip: Where did you go? How long were you away?/When did you return?  
... (For every other trip): Where did you go? How long were you away?/When did you return?
4. Have you ever been a member of any group, club, or organization? (In the U.S. or in your country)  
[note: Unions and churches are *groups*.]
5. Tell me the name of each group you have been a member of.
6. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party, a totalitarian group, or a terrorist group?
7. Have you ever persecuted anyone because of their race, religion, national origin, political group, or social group?
8. Have you ever advocated for the overthrow of any government by force? (continued next page)

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 5: THE CIVIL WAR

## YOUR INTERVIEW (CONTINUED)

9. Have you ever been involved in any way with genocide, torture, or forced sexual relations?
10. Have you ever killed anyone (or tried to kill them)?
11. Have you ever hurt anyone badly?
12. Have you ever stopped anyone from practicing their religion?



# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 6: LATER HISTORY

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

1. Who was President during World War I?
2. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
3. Who was the President during the Great Depression and World War II?
4. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
5. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
6. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
7. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
8. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
9. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?

**Answers:** 1. (Woodrow) Wilson 2. World War II 3. (Franklin) Roosevelt 4. Japan, Germany, and Italy  
5. World War II 6. Communism 7. Civil rights (movement) 8. Worked for civil rights  
9. Terrorists attacked the United States

## READ ALOUD

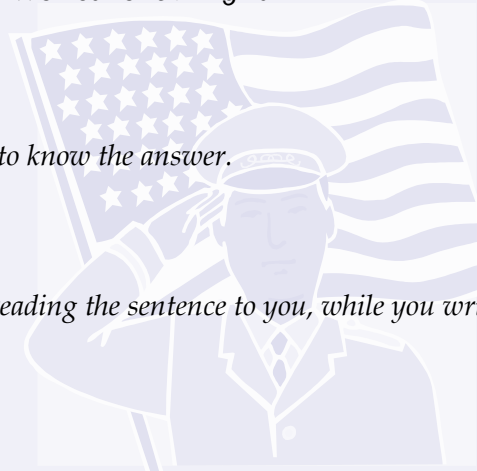
Practice reading this sentence out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answer.

When is Memorial Day?

## DICTATION

Copy the sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading the sentence to you, while you write it.

Memorial Day is in May.



## YOUR INTERVIEW

Practice with a friend.

1. What is your marital status? (Are you married? Single? Divorced? Widowed?)
2. How many times have you been married?
3. (If married) Tell me about your spouse:(If divorced) Tell me about your former spouse:
  - What is your spouse's: full name and date of birth? Has your spouse ever used any other names?
    - Is your spouse/former spouse a member of the Armed Forces?
    - Is your spouse/former spouse a U.S. citizen? (if yes, When and where did your spouse become a citizen?) (If no, What is your spouse's nationality and immigration status?)
  - When did you get married? (day/month/year) Does your spouse live with you?
    - (If divorced) When did the marriage end?
    - How many times has your spouse been married?



# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 7: THE CONSTITUTION

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
3. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
4. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
5. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
6. What is an amendment?
7. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
8. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
9. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
10. What is freedom of religion?
11. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
12. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
13. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

**Answers:** 1. The Constitution 2. We the People 3. to print money 4. to give a driver's license  
5. separation of powers 6. a change (to the Constitution) 7. The Bill of Rights 8. speech  
9. freedom of speech, freedom of religion 10. you can practice any religion, or no religion  
11. twenty-seven (27) 12. citizens who are 18 can vote 13. eighteen (18)

## READ ALOUD

Practice reading this sentence out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answer.

Name one right in the Bill of Rights.

## DICTATION

Copy the sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading the sentence to you, while you write it.

Freedom of speech is a right.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

Practice with a friend.

1. Have you ever:
  - claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
  - lied to an immigration officer? Or lied on an immigration application? (example: to get a green card)
  - lied on your tax returns? (example: saying that you are not a U.S. resident, so you don't have to pay)
  - failed to pay taxes? Do you owe any taxes?
  - registered to vote in the U.S.? Voted in a U.S. election?
  - been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?
2. Have you ever:
  - committed a crime (whether you were arrested or not)
  - been arrested, cited, or detailed by the police?
  - been charged or convicted of a crime? been in jail? **DANGER: If the answer is yes, YOU SHOULD SEE A LAWYER about your citizenship application**

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 8: CONGRESS

*Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.*

1. Name one branch or part of the government.
2. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
3. How many U.S. Senators are there?
4. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
5. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators?
6. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
7. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
8. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
9. Name your U.S. Representative.
10. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
11. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

**Answers:** 1. Congress 2. The Senate and House 3. one hundred (100) 4. six (6) 5. (Elizabeth) Warren  
6. all people of the state 7. four hundred thirty-five (435) 8. two (2) 9. [Answers will vary].  
10. (because) some states have more people 11. (Paul) Ryan

## READ ALOUDS

*Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.*

1. Who elects Congress?
2. How many senators do we have?
3. Where does Congress meet?

## DICTATIONS

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1. The people elect Congress.
2. We have 100 senators.
3. Congress meets in Washington, D.C.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

*Practice with a friend.*

1. Have you ever:
  - had problems with alcohol, gambling, prostitution, or illegal drugs?
  - failed to pay child support?
  - helped someone to come to U.S. illegally?
  - been married to two people at the same time?
  - been placed in deportation?
2. Have you ever lied in order to get a public benefit?

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 9: THE PRESIDENT

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

1. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
2. We elect a President for how many years?
3. In what month do we vote for President?
4. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
5. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
6. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
7. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
8. What does the President's Cabinet do?
9. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

**Answers:** 1. The President    2. four (4)    3. November    4. (Mike) Pence    5. The Vice President  
6. the Speaker of the House    7. The President    8. advises the President    9. Secretary of State, Secretary of Labor

## READ ALOUDS

Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.

1. When do we vote for president?
2. Where does the president live?
3. Where is the White House?
4. Who lives in the White House?
5. When is Labor Day?

## DICTATIONS

Copy each sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading each sentence to you, while you write it.

1. We vote for president in November.
2. The president lives in the White House.
3. The White House is in Washington, D.C.
4. The president lives in the White House.
5. Labor Day is in September.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

1. Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? (If yes, did you leave without permission?)
2. **For men only:** Did you live in the U.S. between your 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> birthday?

Were you a legal resident at that time? (If yes, you were supposed to register for Selective Service. You must have a Selective Service number or be prepared to explain why you didn't register.)

3. Have you ever been part of:
  - a military, paramilitary, or militia group?
  - a rebel, insurgent, or guerilla group?
  - a police, self-defense, or vigilante group?
  - a group that used weapons against other people? (continued on next page)

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 9: THE PRESIDENT

## YOUR INTERVIEW (CONTINUED)

4. Have you ever provided weapons to anyone?
5. Have you ever received weapons training, or military training?
6. Have you ever forced a child (under 15) to work as a soldier?
7. Have you ever worked in a:
  - prison, jail, or detention facility?
  - prison camp, labor camp, or other place where people were forced to stay?

## CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 10: A COUNTRY OF LAWS

*Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.*

1. Who vetoes bills?
2. Who signs bills to become laws?
3. Who makes federal laws?
4. What does the judicial branch do?
5. What is the highest court in the United States?
6. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
7. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States?
8. What is the “rule of law”?
9. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
10. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
11. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
12. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?
13. What is one right only for United States citizens?

**Answers:** 1. The President 2. The President 3. Congress 4. explains laws 5. the Supreme Court 6. nine (9)  
7. John Roberts 8. Everyone must follow the law 9. obey the laws of the United States 10. April 15<sup>th</sup>  
11. at age eighteen (18) 12. vote 13. vote

### READ ALOUDS

*Practice reading these questions out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answers.*

1. What does Congress do?
2. Who makes laws for our country?
3. Who can vote?
4. Why do people want to be citizens?
5. What do we pay to the government?

### DICTATIONS

*Copy each sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading each sentence to you, while you write it.*

1. Congress makes laws.
2. Citizens can vote.
3. They want to vote.
4. We pay taxes.

### YOUR INTERVIEW

*Practice with a friend.*

1. Do you support the Constitution and the form of government of the United States?
2. Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance? (see pg. 10 of the citizenship application) Are you willing to take this oath?
3. If your country needs you, are you willing to:
  - ... be a soldier in the army?
  - ... help the soldiers in the army?
  - ... help in your community? (in an emergency)